

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, October 28, 2013
Lake Stevens School District Educational Service Center (Admin. Bldg.)
12309 22nd Street N.E. Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Vern Little

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Welch, Suzanne Quigley, Kim Daughtry, Neal Dooley and John Spencer

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Marcus Tageant and Kathy Holder

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Administrator Jan Berg, City Attorney Thom Graafstra, Planning Director Becky Ableman, Finance Director Barb Stevens, Public Works Director Mick Monken, Human Resource Director Steve Edin, Police Officer James Barnes, Principal Planner Karen Watkins, Interim Police Chief Dan Lorentzen, and City Clerk/Admin. Asst. Norma Scott

OTHERS:

Excused Absence. Councilmember Welch moved to excuse Councilmembers Tageant and Holder, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry; motion carried unanimously. (5-0-0-2)

Guest Business. James Barnes, President of the Police Guild, reviewed the history of police hiring since annexation and field training required for new officers. Mr. Barnes commented on the Police Service Officer (PSO) position, who is involved in every type of call, 1500 incidents in 2012 and 1400 this year. The PSO is very active and requested the position be retained for at least one more year.

Consent Agenda. Councilmember Welch moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, And C (A. Approve October vouchers [Payroll Direct Deposits 907821-907873 for \$125,219.16; Payroll Checks 35756 for \$2,546.64; Electronic Funds Transfers 651-656 for \$32,439.55; Claims 35851-35909 for \$127,732.83; Void Checks 35816 for deduct of \$18.00; Tax Deposit 10/15/2013 for \$51,426.85; total vouchers approved: of \$339,347.03]; B. Approve Council regular meeting minutes of October 14, 2013; and C. Adopt second and final reading of Ordinance No. 901, consent to transfer franchise from Black Rock Cable Inc. to WDH Black Rock, LLC), seconded by Councilmember Dooley; motion carried unanimously. (5-0-0-2)

Confirm appointment of Jim Kelley to the Park Board. Mayor Little recommended Mr. Kelley's appointment and introduced him to Council.

MOTION: Councilmember Dooley moved to approve Jim Kelley to the Park Board, seconded by Councilmember Daughtry; motion carried unanimously. (5-0-0-2)

Adopt Resolution No. 2013-11, approving Trooper Sean O'Connell for an honorary street designation. Public Works Director Monken noted Sam Low applied for the street designation. The sign will be placed at the intersection of 20th Street SE and 83rd Avenue SE. Since this is

an identified economic corridor, it is possible that future development in that vicinity may result in the relocation of this sign.

Sam Low noted he spoke with Mrs. O'Connell about the honorary sign and she was unable to attend this evening.

MOTION: Councilmember Daughtry moved to approve Resolution 2013-10 2013-11 approving Trooper Sean O'Connell for an honorary street designation, seconded by Councilmember Welch; motion carried unanimously. (5-0-0-2) (Clerk's note: 2013-11 was listed incorrectly on the agenda as 2013-10 but the correct number, staff's report and resolution reflect Resolution No. 2013-11.)

Proposed 2014 Budget. Finance Director Stevens noted this is currently the final City Council discussion before the Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 12. The focus of the discussion was Police Department funding.

Interim Police Chief Lorentzen reviewed the staffing, those of comparable cities and number of incidents that go through the dispatch system. The Police Services Officer (PSO) position was discussed at length. Twenty-six police officers are budgeted for 2014 and reviewed PSO open cases as of September 2013 and 2012 incidents.

Councilmember Quigley asked how the elimination of the PSO position would affect the Police Department. Interim Police Chief Lorentzen responded police would handle animal complaints. Nuisance, parking issues, and code enforcement, would be handled by the Planning Department if an additional Building Inspector/Code Enforcement position was added.

Mayor Little noted the PSO position would be moved into the first quarter of 2014 for training and hiring purposes.

Councilmember Quigley asked what the Police process was for new hires. Interim Police Chief Lorentzen responded they have been making calls to other agencies for laterals as well as working on entry level with Public Safety Testing.

Interim Police Chief Lorentzen reviewed the 2014 budget police staffing schedule and current staff status as of October 28, 2013. Detectives are available for call out. For new hires additional names will be added to the current eligibility register in November.

Councilmember Quigley supports a responsible budget and when economic development occurs, will fund more police, parks, etc.

Councilmember Welch commented he is not in favor of losing the PSO.

Councilmember Daughtry proposes amendment to keep PSO for at least another year because it will take time to get new officers on the street, as well as hiring a Building Inspector/Code Enforcement position. Lengthy discussion followed on the PSO and Building Inspector positions.

Councilmember Welch requested information on what the budget would look like with the PSO position. Councilmember Quigley added and the value of that position.

Draft recreational marijuana land use regulations. Principal Planner Watkins reported on I-502, recreational marijuana. A brief history of the initiative and City moratoriums was provided. Ms. Watkins reviewed the following: draft marijuana overlay map depicting the 1,000 foot buffer the State requires from the perimeter of the grounds of child care centers, schools, libraries, public parks, public transit centers and certain game arcade facilities; reviewed zones where they may be allowed; and comparison of proposed/adopted recreational marijuana regulations in Everett, Mukilteo, and Snohomish County. According to the State, Lake Stevens is allowed one retail store. A retail store cannot be a producer and processor of marijuana.

City Attorney Graafstra commented the State would like medical marijuana dispensaries folded into the same process and similar licensing as recreational marijuana.

Principal Planner Watkins commented the Council will need to determine whether to adopt interim or permanent regulations by February and reviewed the work program. In order to allow the City time to coordinate with other neighboring cities, it was suggested the January 13 public hearing be moved to January 27. City Council concurred.

Councilmember Quigley asked where the tax revenue goes. Ms. Watkins will report back, also with the revised work program and what is supplied by the three different production category tiers.

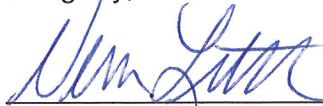
Council Person's Business: Councilmembers reported on the following meetings: Tageant – Arts Commission and Daughtry – PSRC task force.

Mayor's Business: Mayor Little reported he attended the North County Mayor's meeting today.

Staff Reports: Staff reported on the following: Interim Police Chief Lorentzen - provided the 3rd quarter report, will receive the 4th quarter after the 1st of the year, and received a new grant for the electronic version of the fingerprinting system.

Executive Session. Mayor Little called for a 15 minute executive session on potential litigation with no action to follow at 9:09 p.m. A six minute recess was called. The executive session began at 9:15 p.m. and ended at 9:33 p.m.

Adjourn. Councilmember Dooley moved to adjourn at 9:33 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Daughtry; motion carried unanimously. (5-0-0-2)



Vern Little, Mayor


Norma J. Scott, City Clerk/Admin. Asst.